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No Parliament, no Penny.
OR,
The SOUL DIER Convinced,
THAT
There can be no money levied, upon
what pretence soever, without the PARLIAMENT Sit again.

At a Conference
Between an Honest Souldier, and
a Plain Countreyman.

In which is likewise Discovered,
That the Warr which is making
against General MONCK, is for no other Cause, Then his
faithful standing up for his Master the PARLIAMENT.
TOGETHER,
With a Resolution of the Souldiers,
to set Open the Parliament Doors, that the Members may sit
again, to discharge the TRUST committed to them
by God and Man.

Printed for a Lover of his Country, and a Martyr for Englands
Freedomes; And are to be sold at the Sign of the faithful
English-man, right against Tyrants Court.

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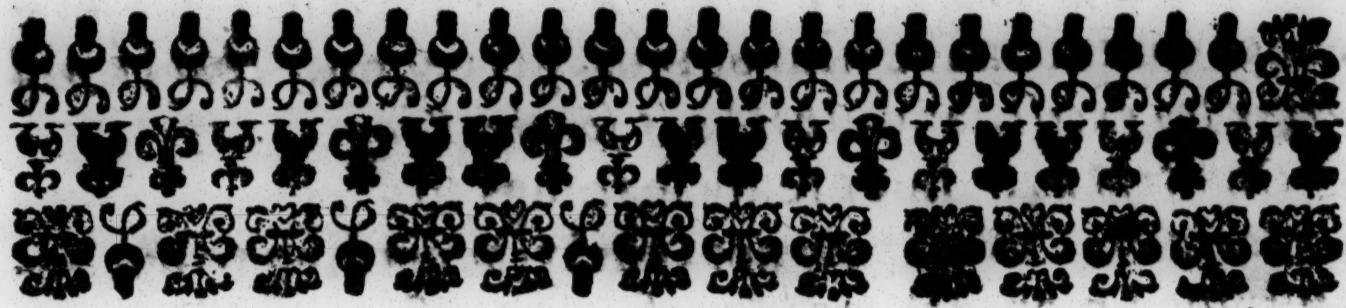
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A
DIALOGVE
 BETWEEN
A SOVLDIER
 AND AN
Honest Countreyman.

Countreyman.

Souldier, If you please to slacken your pace a little, I would request you to Resolve me a few Questions.

Souldier. I will.

Countreyman. Whither are you marching?

Souldier. To reduce General Monck and his Party,

Country. Why, Is not Monk for the Parliament?

Souldier. Yes ; and therefore are we resolved to fight him, and as much as in us lies we asperse him, and endeavour to make him odious, giving out, *That he will drizk too excess, and, that he is for the King.*

Countryman. But are these things so ?

Souldier. We know not ; onely (according to our accustomed manner) we asperse all we fight against.

Count. If you fight against the Parliaments friends, who do you fight for ?

Sould. For some of our Principal Officers, *viz.* *Lambert, Packer, and the rest of the nine Field-Officers, which the Parliament Cashier'd the Army.*

Count. What ! fight for your Officers against the Parliaments Forces ! who gives you Authority ?

Sould. We have taken care as to that ; for, having made *Fleetwood* our Commander in Chief, he shall give out Comissions, by which means we create a power to our selves ; and what is it we by our swords cannot do ? if the People will be so tame as to let us alone.

Count. Oh ! But what will you do for monies ? the nerves and sinews of War ?

Sould. Why, for that we have a Paper that past the House twice, which shall serve our present turns to raise monies by.

Count. Then it seems that the Parliaments Authority will take place among you in order to the raising of money ; letting the People understand thereby, that the very talk of an Act, binds them to conform thereto : yet this may be gathered from it, *That monies cannot be raised without a Parliament.*

Sould. You speak very right : but then will we make the Act void, which forbids the raising or levying of monies, but by the Consent of the People in Parliament.

Count.

Count. Oh ! Take heed of that ; for hitherto no Tyrant-King nor Protector, durst make invalid that Fundamental Law, by which the Peoples Estates are secured.

Sould. Then will we get about 40 Members into the Parliament-House, and make them to abolish that Law, and provide money for us.

Count. Then will it appear to all men, That you stand convinced in your Consciences, That you have acted very unadvisedly, in turning out the Parliament, without whom you cannot Lawfully raise a penny ; and you will yet appear more odious and vile then ever in the eyes of the People ; who are so wise, as not to part with any monies, but in obedience to Parliamentary Authority.

Sould. You say true : but if there be no other way, we will make virtue of necessity, and take it by force.

Count. Marry, God forbid ! for then should we be as very slaves as the Turks.

Sould. Why we have forcibly ou ted the Parliament, and made a Committee for Safety without Law, and by force made Fleetwood General ; and why may we not raise money by force ?

Count. Then will you be in worse case then ever ; you will be look'd upon as no better then Thieves and Felons, and as Tyrants, and not fit to live. Then look to your selvs, That you be not served as were the Danes of old.

Souldier. How was that ?

Count. The People being grievously oppressed with them, determined at a certain hour in the Night, when most of the Souldiers were asleep ; That the men should rise and seize on the Guards, and the women should cut the Throats of those which were in Bed asleep ; which accordingly they did.

Sould.

Souldier. But we will give them no such cause, we will deal Kindlier with them.

Countreyman. Alas poor Souls! When you come once to Rule by the Sword, God will take away his restraining grace, as being out of his way, and give you up to a cruell Inhumane Spirit; and you will work all manner of Cruelty, still passing on from one cruell action to another, till you be hated of all, and afraid to trust one another.

Sold. But I warrant you, we will not do so.

Count. Alas poor deluded souldier! your grand Officers make you slaves to their Lusts, and serve their turns upon you, when you are not aware thereof: Do but look back to the year, 1650. see and consider, how you and they have declined good principles, waxing worse & worse, deceiving and being deceived. How much more unchristian-like you are grown, more cruel, more profane, more like your grand Hypocritical Officers every day then other: They themselves confessed in their Paper of April 6. 1659. when they invited the Parliament to sit again, *That the Spirit of God was departed from them, and that they had wandered in the dark pathes of their Imaginations*; in which they still endeavoured to lead you.

Sold. Well, if things are so, I confess our condition is sad: Therefore do I resolve to follow your Christian-like counsel, if you please to tell me what to do.

Count. First, consider the great sinfulness of your ways. Secondly, the misery you bring upon your selves and Families: Can you endure to have your bones broken, your Children made fatherless; your Wives widows; and many of your lives to be lost here; and all to be damned in Hell hereafter. Oh! consider for God's sake, for your Wives and Childrens sakes, for your Lives and Limbes sakes, and for your Soules sakes; and rather give over those Nine Officers of yours to the Mercy of the Parliament, and re-establish them, and return to your first principles; and leave not the Brand of a Mercenary, Cruel, Murtherous Army upon your selves.

Sold. Sithence you have told me that I thought not of, I will follow your counsel; for I see you are a good Christian, & love the peace and welfare of your Countrey, and good of all men, and

and would not have our Bodies nor our Soules made miserable here or in the world to come, and that you are a constant English-man.

Count. Truly, I wish you peace here, and Eternal Happiness hereafter, and would not have you by your Officers be drawn in to sinful courses, by which the Nation should be made poor, and so you want your pay as you do.

Sold. Well ! I will tell all Fellow-souldiers and Officers what you say, & will perswade them to take their *Force* off from our Masters the Parliament, and let them sit again in peace, and we will deliver up all those Nine Men, as *Kelsie* and the rest, to their Mercy, which have rebelled against them, whom we acknowledged to be the *Supreme Authority* of the Nation, that no more bloud be shed in vain.

Count. You will do like a good Christian, and like a valiant Souldier, if you do so.

Sold. But how do you think the Parliament will deal with these men (*viz.*) *Lambert*, *Kelsie*.

Count. You know the *Parliament* are very ready to forgive: you know they gave them an *Act of Pardon* the other day, for as bad matters as they have done now; yea, for five years Cruelty, in keeping them out, and setting up *Cromwel*. Do not fear but the Parliament will be kind to them, and to all the Nation. There needs nothing to be done, but to set open the Parliament door, and they will sit again.

Sold. Well Sir, I will do my uttermost to get all my fellow souldiers to be of my mind.

Count. If you please, I will write these things, and you shall shew it them.

Sold. I thank you Sir, and I am the rather desirous you would do it quickly; for I call to mind that all Trade is decayed, and the Nation is impoverished, by reason of these many Charges we have had, and our Enemies grow very high upon us. we cannot get our pay so constant as we had when the Parliament sat before: They (indeed) were our best Masters; they allowed us 5 s. 10 d. a week all their time; and our pay was never lessened, till they were turned out.

Count.

Count. You say true : But consider also, that Religion and all is at the Stake ; and Body and Soul, and all will perish, if you continue to stand upon your Swords, and act like Tyrants.

Sold. Sir, I will be as good as my word.

Count. You will do well ; and I will pray to God, that you may have grace to do as you say ; and that all your Fellow-soldiers may agree with you ;

Farewell.

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